

Chicago Area Drywall Finishers Joint Apprenticeship And Training Committee

Representing PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL No. 14 and
GYPSUM DRYWALL CONTRACTORS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications:

- Applicant must call first to make an appointment on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at (708) 449-9022 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Excluding school holidays.)

Requirements:

For Verification Purposes Only.
(All documents must be in English)

- Minimum age, eighteen (18) yrs. old.
- High School Diploma or a G.E.D. Certificate
A minimum of 2 yrs. of high school as indicated by an official transcript will be considered.
- U.S. Citizen (Birth Certificate), Alien Registration Card if not a citizen or Citizenship Certificate.
- Social Security Card
- Drivers License or State I.D. (Current)
No Admission Test or Fee is required.

Applicants will be given a list of prospective employers who follow fair employment practices and are signatory to Painters District Council #14. Applicants should seek employment using the supplied list.

For your own safety and education you must be able to communicate in English.

Ability to read, write and speak the English language well enough so as not to need an interpreter.

If an applicant is not able to speak English, Conversational English Classes will be paid for provided the applicant passes the course.

Permit Procedure:

Secure employment after submitting application.

When the Applicant is hired, he/she must return to the Chicago Area Drywall Finishers office, **PRIOR TO WORKING**, with a letter of INTENT TO HIRE from the Contractor. The Applicant must pay a **\$40.00 Drug Test Fee** (Money Order Only, Payable to the Chicago Area Drywall Finishers) and take a Drug Test prior to receiving a work permit. Upon passing the Drug Test, he/she will be reimbursed the \$40.00. The Applicant must take the drug test within 24 hours or (1) working day, after presenting the Letter of Intent. If an applicant fails the drug test, the Applicant will be able to re-apply in 6 months.

Upon receipt of the above letter, the applicant meeting the minimum requirements will be issued a Union Work Permit at Painters' District Council #14. The Work Permit allows employment for a probationary or trial period of sixty (60) days.

The Apprenticeship Program, including instruction, requires no tuition, however, financial obligations to the Union must be met. The applicant is required to pay an **Initiation and Permit Fee: \$491.00 by cash or money order only payable to PAINTERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL #14.**
THIS FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.

Upon payment of the Initiation Fee the apprentice will be notified to appear before, and join a Local Painter' Union selected by the Council. Then the apprentice will be initiated into the Local and future Quarterly Dues will be payable to the Local.

Apprenticeship Agreement:

Upon completion of the Initiation Fees the apprentice is required to appear before the Drywall Finishers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. The Drywall Apprentice Director will present evidence of the apprentices' Union Work Permit and Letter of Intent to Hire to the Committee. The apprentice is interviewed by the Committee and presented for approval. Upon approval, the Committee, on behalf of the employer, enters into the Apprenticeship Agreement. The Agreement indentures the apprentice to the employer for a period of two (2) years or 4000 hours of reasonable and continued employment.

About the Drywall Tapers Apprenticeship Program:

The Drywall Tapers Apprenticeship Program is a two (2) year program sponsored by Painters' District Council#14 and the Gypsum Drywall Contractors of Northern Illinois. Apprentices learn the trade while working on the job for a union contractor four days a week. They attend 236 hours of classroom instruction, for each year of training one day a week for 8 hours per day.

For more information visited our website at www.jatc-dftc.org